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Sunday, September 10, 2023
Sunday before the Holy Cross
Sts. Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Third (Mark 16:9-20)
Mode of the Week: Plagal of the First/Πλ. του Πρώτου

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Upcoming Schedule

Today, September 10
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on the Sunday before the Holy Cross
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
5:00pm Parish Movie Outing

Wednesday, September 13
6:00pm Great Vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross
7:00pm Refreshments in the Parish House

Thursday, September 14
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Elevation of the Holy Cross (our parish’s name day!)
Procession of the Holy Cross at the end of the Liturgy

Saturday, September 16
3:00pm Philoptochos Meeting in the Parish House (and by Zoom)
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 17
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday after the Holy Cross
Blessing for the Beginning of Sunday School
Memorial Service for departed family members of the Saratsiotis Family at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

To our Visitors and Guests:
We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today!

While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου και εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (9/17) Aleca Hortman, Isabelle Saratsiotis; (9/24) George Saratsiotis, Bryan Gordy

Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (9/17) Natalia Saratsiotis; (9/24) Melanie Hoy; (10/1) Gray Yates

Upcoming Ushers: (9/13) Tassie C.; (9/14) Cristina L.; (9/16) OPEN; (9/17) Cheryl+Erick S.; (9/20) OPEN

Upcoming Video Operators: (9/13) Cristina L.; (9/14) Joanna P.; (9/17) David Z.; (9/24) Natalia S.; (10/1) Natalia S

Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (9/17) Georgia Saratsiotis; (9/24) Tassie Cantrell; (10/1) Danai Esquivel

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God. (Psalm 27)

The reading is from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. (6:11 - 18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (3:13-17)

Sunday before the Holy Cross

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Monday (9/11—No Fasting): Galatians 2:11-16; John 1:12-18
Tuesday (9/12—No Fasting): Galatians 2:23, 3:1-7; John 11:25-54
Wednesday (9/13—Wine+Oil): Hebrews 3:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Friday (9/15—Strict Fast): Colossians 1:24-29, 21-3: Matthew 16:10-22
Saturday (9/16—No Fasting): 1 Corinthians 6:11-10; John 8:21-30

Prayer Requests:

- Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish, Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeanne, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermogenes, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Niko, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christine, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelianos, Denna)
- The Venerable Isaiah, founder of the Kykkos Monastery in Cyprus (+12th Century)
- St. Eleutherius (+June 7), Nymphodora (+304)
- The Holy Women Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora (+304)
- The Devout Pulcheria the Empress (+453)
- The Holy Martyr Mary (5th Century)
- The Holy Martyr Martyr Baarsabas in Dalmatia (+2nd Century)
- The Holy Women martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora (+304)
- The Venerable Isaiah, founder of the Kykkos Monastery in Cyprus (+12th Century)
- The Honorable Presiding Bishop, Fr. Theodore (on appointment)

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

- Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years! September 11: Evelynn Zoumberis Neault
- September 12: Cornelia Chesirecu, Arii Passias, Aristides Paul Vrahiotes September 15: Nikiti Zoumberis
- Birthdays—Happy Birthday! September 10: Dominic Economopoulos September 12: Paula Cavacias September 13: Mike Nicholas, Greg Spicer September 14: Maggie Bennett September 15: Christian Morris
- Anniversaries—Congratulations! September 9: Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish, Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeanne, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermogenes, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Niko, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christine, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelianos, Denna)
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Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin for the Week of September 10, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Cleo Bennett, Sarah Drakopoulous

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Parish Council

PC Member On Duty—Sarah Drakopoulous

Today our Greek Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ After-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
  The Nativity (Birth) of the Theotokos was celebrated on September 8. We continue to celebrate this feast through its Leave-taking on September 12.
+ The Holy Women Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora (+304)
  These Martyrs, sisters according to the flesh, were from Bithynia. They lived in virginity on a mountain near the Puthian hot springs, devoting themselves to asceticism and prayer. Betrayed to the local governor, Fronto, they were subjected to frightful tortures, and so gave up their holy souls into the hands of God. They contested for the Faith during the reign of Maximian, in the year 304.
+ The Holy Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia (+2nd Century)
+ The Devout Pulcheria the Empress (+453)
+ The Holy Apostles Appelles, Luke (of Laodicea in Syria, not the Evangelist), and Clement of the Seventy (+1st Century)
+ The Holy Woman Martyr Ia of Persia (+363)
+ The Holy Hieromartyr Theodard of Maastricht (+670)
+ Our Father among the Saints, Autbert, Bishop of Avanches and founder of the monastery of Mont-St-Michel in Normandy (+709)
+ The Venerable Isaiah, founder of the Kykkos Monastery in Cyprus (+12th Century)

Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pede Book):

- Hymn of the Nativity of the Theotokos (H γέννησις του Θεοτόκου, Fourth Mode): Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of your risen has the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life. (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Weekly Resurrectional Hymn)
- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (ευαυτάξιον προσφοράν Theorhos, Eighth Mode, of the First Mode): As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection. (Sung after the Small Entrance)
- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σωτήριον Χριστοῦ, First Mode): Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to Those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.
- The Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Διαφωνία και Ανά, Fourth Mode): Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."